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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the spurt in the growth of contract labour in various organised industries even on regular jobs relating to production/manufacturing process;

(b) if so, the growth and estimated number of contract workers engaged in organised industries during the past three years;

(c) whether the condition of contract labour is deteriorating due to rampant violation of labour laws for contract workers; and

(d) whether the Union Government have received proposals from the States to carry out amendments in contract Labour Act to subserve the interest of multinationals and other large and medium size Indian industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): The Government is deeply concerned over the reported increase in the incidence and growth of contract labour and their deteriorating condititon in the country. The Central Advisory Contract Labour Board, constituted under section 3 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, reviews the working of the Act at its meetings and their advice is duly considered for suitable action by the Government. In the Central Sphere, the number of contract labour covered by licences issued under the Act during the last three years 1997, 1998 and 1999 are 5,88,678, 6,64,216 and 5,43,982 (provisional) respectively.
The Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) enforces the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and rules made thereunder. The establishments are, from time to time, inspected by the inspecting authorities prescribed under the Act and wherever instances of the violations of the Act/Rules/Notifications come to their notice, action is taken against the employers of such establishments. Specific instances brought to the notice of the Government are referred to the concerned authorities oof CIRM for appropriate action.

(d) No, Sir.